

Amendments to the specification:

L Paragraph at page 2, lines 12 to 17:

a' To achieve the object, the present invention provides a half bearing constituting a cylindrical plain bearing for supporting a shaft for rotation when two of the half bearings are combined together, the half bearing having two circumferential ends each of which has a plurality of circumferential grooves without formation of any crush relief surface, wherein the grooves extend substantially over an overall circumferential dimension of the half bearing and include portions located at both circumferential ends of the half bearing respectively, each portion having a larger axially sectional area than the grooves formed in a portion of the half bearing mainly subjected to load during rotation of the shaft.

L Paragraphs at page 3, lines 7-27:

a' ~~In a preferred form~~ Furthermore, the grooves extend substantially over an overall circumferential dimension of the half bearing and include portions located at both circumferential ends of the half bearing respectively. Further, each said portion has a larger axially sectional area than the grooves formed in a portion of the half bearing mainly subjected to load during rotation of the shaft. A large amount of lubricating oil can be supplied without reduction in a load capacity of the portion mainly subjected to load during rotation of the shaft. Consequently, an anti-seizure property and a sliding characteristic can be improved.

Q3 In ~~another~~a preferred form, said portions of the grooves located at both circumferential ends respectively are deeper than the grooves formed in the portion of the half bearing mainly subjected to load during rotation of the shaft. In addition to the effect of increasing an amount of lubricating oil fed to the portion mainly subjected to the load, the protrusions located at both circumferential ends tend to be easily conformed to the shaft to be worn with contact with the shaft since the protrusions have a lower strength than those located between the grooves of the portion mainly subjected to the load during rotation of the shaft.
